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Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States concerning
the election of the Members of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following joint resolution; which
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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States concerning the election of the Members of the
House of Representatives.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The House of Representatives shall be
3 composed of Members chosen every fourth year by the peo-
4 ple of the several States. Immediately after the first elec-
5 tion, they shall be assembled and divided as equally as
6 may be into two classes. The seats of the Representatives
7 of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the
8 second year and the second class at the expiration of the
9 fourth year, so that one half may be chosen every second
10 year.

11 “SECTION 2. This article shall not be so construed
12 as to affect the election or term of any Representative cho-
13 sen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

14 “SECTION 3. This article shall apply to the 1st elec-
15 tion of Representatives which occurs after ratification but
16 no earlier than 2012.

17 “SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to en-
18 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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